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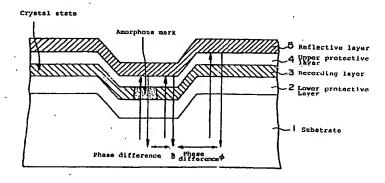
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#### (54) Optical information recording medium

(57) An optical information recording medium for recording, retrieving and erasing mark length-modulated amorphous marks, which comprises a substrate (1), and a lower protective layer (2), a phase-change recording layer (3), an upper protective layer (4) and a reflective layer (5) having a thickness of from 40 to 300nm and a

volume resistivity of from 20 to  $150n\Omega \cdot m$ , formed in this sequence on the substrate/wherein the reflective layer (5) has a multilayer structure wherein at least 50% of the total thickness of the reflective layer is constituted by at least one layer of a thin metal film having a volume resistivity of from 20 to  $150n\Omega \cdot m$ .

#### FIGURE 3





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5. Claims: 1,2,8

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6. Claim : 3

"Recording layer thickness"

7. Claim: 4

"Upper protective layer thickness"

8. Claims: 5-7

"High grade Al alloy"

9. Claims: 5-7

"Al-Au or Ag alloy"

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